Community UCC Stands with Pride

Community United Church of Christ is a progressive, Christian fellowship of spiritual seekers who believe there are many paths to God. We are an Open and Affirming, Peace with Justice, accessible church. We have worked together to open our worship services and workshops to all through our on-line offerings through the pandemic.

This past Sunday, June 28, 2020, we celebrated and affirmed our commitment to our beloved LGBTQ+ community. Pastor Nicole’s insightful sermon, “Loving One Another,” focused on how all of our varied groups of “us” are tied together and how we miss being together in this “time in between.” We then shared deeply in our community offering prayers. Following this inclusive and meaningful worship, and our Story for All Ages which featured Harvey Milk and the origins of the rainbow flag, we were Zoom Bombed. This included sinister name calling speech, threats of killing, and intimidation of LGBTQ+ people and our leaders and members.

We consider this to be a hate crime and have forwarded the transcripts, recordings, links and other material to the Boulder Police Department and the Colorado Attorney General’s Office. We will not be silenced or intimidated. In fact, this incident has united us in condemnation of acts of intolerance.

CUCC leaders are meeting with security experts and reviewing emergency protocols to work to keep our community safe.

For some this may have been the first time to experience such an attack, for others the hate was familiar and reminiscent of similar occurrences. Our Caring Ministry Team is reaching out, the Tech Team is reviewing protocols and our CUCC Council will meet to review options and resources to support our community. We will continue to hold in the forefront, our mission as a loving, Open and Affirming, Peace with Justice, accessible church.

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